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SUBJECT: ANDREW YOUNG INTERVIEW

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ARTICLE
CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG BY WILLIAM OATIS:

2. QTE UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. AP - ANDREW YOUNG SAYS HE
HAS NEVER HAD A REPRIMAND FROM PRESIDENT CARTER OR
SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE - "NOT EVER" - FOR HIS
CONTROVERSIAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

3. QTE "I DID TALK TO CY VANCE ... ABOUT MY WILLINGNESS
TO SAY THINGS THAT IN A SENSE INVOLVED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
IN THE DISCUSSION OF FOREIGN POLICY," THE 45-YEAR-OLD
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS SAID IN AN
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INTERVIEW THURSDAY.

4. QTE "I SAID THAT THOUGH AT TIMES THESE MIGHT BE
CONTROVERSIAL, IF IT DID NOT DISTURB HIM, THAT I WAS WIL-
LING TO RUN THE RISK AND BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES."

5. QTE YOUNG SAID HE HAD NO UNDERSTANDING WITH THE

PRESIDENT ABOUT HIS STATEMENTS "BECAUSE I REALLY BELIEVED, AND I UNDERSTOOD THE PRESIDENT TO BELIEVE, THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NEEDED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE THINKING ABOUT FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES BEFORE THEY BECAME POLICY.

6. QTE "AFTER ALL, THEY PAY THE BILLS FOR OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND IF THAT POLICY IS FAULTY, THEY SHARE IN THE SUFFERING. I THINK THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW NOT ONLY WHAT THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT IS, BUT WHAT SOME OF THE PRELIMINARY THINKING ABOUT POLICY IS."

7. QTE YOUNG SAID PEOPLE WOULDN'T BECOME CONFUSED BECAUSE "THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS ONE OF THE MOST INTELLIGENT AND INFORMED PUBLICS IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND."

8. QTE "IN TOO MANY INSTANCES IN THE PAST THEY HAVE PROVEN THEMSELVES MORE INFORMED AND MORE RIGHT THAN THE EXPERTS," HE SAID. "I DON'T THINK ANYBODY OUGHT TO ASSUME EXPERT STATUS AND MAKE DECISIONS FOR THEM WITHOUT INVOLVING THEM."

9. QTE WASHINGTON'S FIRST BLACK AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS SAID HE CONSIDERS SOUTH AFRICA'S WHITE GOVERNMENT ILLEGITIMATE AND THAT HE FAVORS A TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE BLACK MAJORITY THERE.

10. THIS WAS AT SHARP VARIANCE WITH PREVIOUS U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA. PREVIOUS AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE CONSISTENTLY VOTED AGAINST AFRICAN RESOLUTIONS DECLARING THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ILLEGITIMATE, AND HENRY A. KISSINGER WHILE SECRETARY OF STATE REFRAINED FROM ADVOCATING MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

11. QTE BUT YOUNG PICTURED EVENTUAL MAJORITY RULE FOR SOUTH AFRICA AS STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY AND INDICATED HE THOUGHT THE TRANSFER OF POWER MIGHT COME IN FIVE YEARS.

12. QTE "MAJORITY RULE IS A PROCESS THAT NEEDS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY," HE SAID. "BUT IT'S A PROCESS -- IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS TOMORROW."

13. QTE "WHEN I TALK TO AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, FOR INSTANCE, I SAY THAT THEY OUGHT TO CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS AFFAIRS IN SOUTH AFRICA IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTION OF THEIR COMPANIES COULD BE HANDLED BY BLACKS WITHIN FIVE YEARS, AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO LIVE AND WORK IN A MULTIRACIAL, MAJORITY-RULE SOCIETY."

14. QTE HE SAID AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HAD TENDED TO BE CYNICAL ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA, FIGURING "THEY'LL MAKE MONEY WHILE THEY CAN AND WHEN THE HOLOCAUST COMES THEY'LL HAVE MADE THEIR PROFITS."

15. QTE "I JUST THINK THAT THEY CAN BE RESPONSIBLE BUSINESSMEN AND AVOID A HOLOCAUST," HE CONTINUED, "AND I HOPE THEY'RE ENCOURAGED TO FIND SOMEBODY THAT BELIEVES THERE'S HOPE."

16. QTE EARLIER THURSDAY YOUNG WELCOMED FIVE PEACE GROUPS THAT PRESENTED HIM WITH A PETITION URGING AMERICAN RECONCILIATION WITH VIETNAM. HE ALSO RECEIVED A PRO-ARAB DELEGATION, THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN-ARAB ORGANIZATIONS.

17. QTE YOUNG TOLD THE PEACE DELEGATION IT WAS AN HONOR
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TO RECEIVE THEIR PETITION. HE PROMISED TO SEE THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PETITION REACHED APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

18. QTE THE PETITION URGED NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH INDOCHINA, AID FOR VIETNAM, ADMISSION OF VIETNAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND AMNESTY FOR WAR RESISTERS AND VETERANS WITH LESS-THAN-HONORABLE DISCHARGES.

19. QTE THE PEACE GROUPS INCLUDED THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION OF NYACK, N.Y. UNQTE.
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